

the applicable mandatory standards, it was not out of compliance with any of them. It added that the Department “commits considerable resources to creating and maintaining community partnerships, and in return, enjoys equally considerable overwhelmingly positive community support and recognition.” CALEA officials involved in the formal hearing at which the Department was reaccredited were equally laudatory. Lead CALEA Commissioner Richard Myers said that he had “nothing but praise.”

As a former Alameda County prosecutor, I know Hayward faces a challenging law enforcement environment. That the Hayward Police Department is operating in such an environment makes its achievement all the more impressive.

I want to congratulate Hayward Mayor Michael Sweeney, Police Chief Urban, and the entire Hayward Police Department on its success. Keep up the good work.

THE SHOOTING AT THE FORT  
HOOD ARMY BASE

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express my condolences to the victims and their families of the senseless shooting at the Fort Hood Army Base, which took place on Wednesday, April 2, 2014. To date, three soldiers have died and many others were wounded in the aftermath of this grievous violence.

We must not let the untimely demises of those who have bravely served our country eclipse the noble sacrifices that they made in this life. We must commemorate and respect each of them for their many individual achievements and with hearts of love celebrate their lives.

While we are devastated by this violence, faith will console and nurture our broken hearts where reason cannot. Fort Hood and the surrounding community have endured tragedy before, and will once again rebuild and learn from this incident. Our nation will honor the fallen and continue to support our armed forces.

U.S. FOREIGN AID AND  
PALESTINIAN PRISONER

**HON. DOUG COLLINS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, first I would like to thank my dear friend from Florida for bringing this issue to Congress' attention. To know that the Palestinian Authority provides salaries to former prisoners of Israeli jails is alarming. To discover a Government Accountability Office report that U.S. government agencies may have inadvertently given money to these terrorist is a flagrant breach of fiduciary responsibility.

In 2011 an Israeli research institute discovered international aid to the Palestinian Authority was paying for the salaries of Palestinian terrorist once imprisoned in Israel. Docu-

ments were discovered listing prisoner's salaries as being a part of the general fund, the same general fund which is partially comprised of foreign aid.

Over the last fifteen years the U.S. government has committed around \$5 billion in bilateral assistance to Palestinians. As recent as FY2013 annual assistance to Palestine was about \$440 million.

A Palestinian Authority report shows prisoner's salaries as part of the Palestinian Authority's general salary budget which consists of civil servants and military personnel.

Former prisoners receive salaries around \$680 to \$3,400 a month. The reason for the range in salary is due to the perverse nature of this program. The more protracted the stay in an Israeli prison, the more egregious the terrorist act, the higher the monthly compensation. Since December of 2012 more than 4,500 Palestinian prisoners who serve time for terrorist related charges receive a monthly salary. This means members of Hamas and Fatah are able to subsidize their professional activities.

In addition to the monthly salaries the Palestinian Authority covers prisoner's legal fees, Israeli fines, and post-prison pensions.

A Government Accountability Office report titled, “Measures to Prevent Inadvertent Payments to Terrorists under Palestinian Aid Programs Have Been Strengthened, but Some Weaknesses Remain,” found problems with U.S. paperwork vetting financial assistance to Palestine.

GAO found U.S. sub-awards were not properly following rules requiring they follow U.S. antiterrorism statutes before issuing aid.

One such example cited was when a sub-awardee, the United Nations, was found to not properly check a list of personnel against known terrorist organizations.

The United Nations is supposed to screen all staff, contractors, and beneficiaries to ensure they have no known terrorist affiliation. It was noted that the U.N. screened all related people against a U.N. Security Council list of potential terrorist, the list did not include members of Hamas and Hezbollah, which the U.S. designated as foreign terrorist organizations. These and other missteps in choosing the appropriate venues by which to send financial aid to Palestine is why Congress should be concerned.

GAO, since the issuing of the report, has stated all recommendations have been implemented but the Palestinian Authority has not stopped subsidizing prisoner's cost of living.

In accordance with Congressman's Yoho's resolution Congress should not allow foreign aid dollars to an entity that feels it is okay to provide welfare for terrorist.

During this latest iteration of Israel-Palestinian peace negotiations, Israel has already offered up three rounds of prisoners to the Palestinian Authority. All Israel gets in return is an extended stay of Palestine at the negotiation table, nothing concrete.

Even with three rounds of prisoner releases, the Palestinian Authority begs for the worst of the worst to be sent home. Two senior prisoners Palestine is requesting to be released are Marwan Barghouti and Ahmed Saadat.

Marwan Barghouti, a senior official in the U.S. terrorist designated Fatah party is serving five life sentences for murdering Israeli citizens.

Ahmed Saadat, head another terrorist affiliated organization is serving a life sentence for the murder of an Israeli cabinet minister.

If these two prisoners are released they will enter the rolls of preceding radicals who receive a monthly pension because of their profession, killing innocent Israelis.

I beg this body to pay close attention to this issue and bring into debate the distribution of international aid to governing bodies who reward the malignant in their society.

TRIBUTE TO THE CITY OF HAWAIIAN  
GARDENS, CALIFORNIA ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE CITY'S  
50TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF INCORPORATION

**HON. LINDA T. SÁNCHEZ**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, April 4, 2014*

Ms. SÁNCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the City of Hawaiian Gardens, and ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating its residents on the city's 50th Anniversary of Incorporation. I am proud to represent this growing city as part of the 38th Congressional District of California.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens was incorporated on April 9, 1964 and earned its name from a popular fruit stand that featured bamboo stalks and palm leaves. Within the first five years, the city quickly began its rapid and continued growth.

The city's motto is “Our Youth Our Future”, which perfectly captures the ambition and dedication to improving community and living standards. Education is a priority for Hawaiian Gardens, as exemplified by its annual awards ceremony where the city provides scholarships for youth reaching for higher education. It has also made great strides through the Youth Activity League, a partnership with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department which shows local youth a path to success through mentoring and by providing safe facilities, planned programs and the vital tools they need to thrive and succeed.

The City of Hawaiian Gardens is dedicated to its citizens, taking steps to better its transportation for the elderly and the disabled, maintaining an impressive public library, and offering child care services as well as a food bank. Its population of over 16,000 residents has been steadily increasing in recent years and is projected to continue to grow.

The city's forward focus has been evident through its prudent financial planning, which has resulted in the saving of over \$13 million dollars. The city continues to make great leaps in regards to human services and has been recognized by First Lady Michelle Obama for its activism in fighting childhood obesity. Investment in youth is an investment in the future, one that is opportune and bright for the city of Hawaiian Gardens.

The city will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary of Incorporation with a weekend of festivities which will include a parade and a carnival. As the city commemorates this occasion, I would like to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating the city and residents of Hawaiian Gardens as they celebrate the past and focus on a prosperous future.